

For Immediate Release:

Multicultural Greek Council extends membership to group seeking to bring gay fraternity Delta Lambda Phi to UVA

Wednesday, March 24, 2004 – Last night, the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) voted to admit Out on Rugby, the interest group seeking to bring the national fraternity Delta Lambda Phi to the University of Virginia. Ten men presented to the MGC at its weekly meeting (one absent due to work), answering questions about Delta Lambda Phi, an organization dedicated to serving the needs of gay, bisexual, and progressive men. This was the second of two presentations for membership, and having fulfilled all of the suggestions made by the MGC at the first presentation, the chapter presidents voted to extend membership to the men of Out on Rugby. Out on Rugby effectively increased its numbers so as to ensure sustainability, visited chapters in Norfolk and Washington, D.C. to gain firsthand experience as to what the brothers were like, explained in deeper detail the policies and procedures of Delta Lambda Phi, demonstrated professionalism and careful planning in their presentation, established AIDS/ HIV awareness as its chapter philanthropy, and addressed all other concerns voiced by MGC members after the first vote. It is with great pleasure that the MGC welcomes Out on Rugby/ Delta Lambda Phi to the Greek community.

The Multicultural Greek Council is the Greek governing council that oversees the most diverse group of fraternities and sororities at the University of Virginia, all of them service-based. In the strong tradition of student self-governance at UVA, the MGC exercises legislative, judicial, and executive powers in coordinating the efforts of its member chapters in matters of common concern. There are currently six active member chapters, four sororities and two fraternities. They are Asian-American interest sorority alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Inc.; Latino-interest fraternity Lambda Upsilon Lambda, La Unidad Latina, Inc.; Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.; Asian-interest sorority Sigma Psi Zeta, Inc.; Asian-American interest fraternity Lambda Phi Epsilon, Inc.; and Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. Latina-interest sorority Omega Phi Beta, Inc. is dormant.

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